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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO CAETANO SPEECH

1. LUANDA'S EVENING DAILY "DIARIO DE LUANDA", WHICH USUALLY REFLECTS OFFICIAL VIEWS, COMMENTED EDITORIALY MARCH 6 ON PRIMIN'S SPEECH REDEFINING HIS OVERSEAS POLICIES. QUOTES AND/OR PARAPHRASING FOLLOW. (AS WITH PRIMIN'S SPEECH, NO MENTION OF SPINOLA ANYWHERE.)

A. PRIMIN USED "EXACT WORDS AT PROPER TIME." QUIETED FEARS WHICH WITH GOOD REASON WERE MOUNTING. MET HEAD ON CONCERNS ARISING OUT OF "RECENT APPEARANCE OF INADMISSABLE CONCEPTS." PLACED PRESERVATION OF NATION'S INTEGRITY ABOVE ALL ELSE, THEREBY REFLECTING WHAT ALL OF ANGOLA KNOWS BUT WHICH SOME OTHERS APPARENTLY HAD FORGOTTEN.

B. ANGOLA'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS GIVES LIE TO CONTENTION THAT CONTINUATION OF STRUGGLE TO DEFEND NATION AGAINST ITS ENEMIES COULD PAUPERIZE PORTUGAL.

C. IT WAS TIME TO REFUTE "INANE IDEAS WHICH HAD RECENTLY CIRCULATED." THESE IDEAS COULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE SPREAD, OR TO CAUSE "FURTHER SPECULATION." SPECIFICALLY, IDEA OF APPLY-  
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ING EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY TO AFRICAN PEOPLE WAS "UNREAL". ANYONE

FAMILIAR WITH AFRICA AND AFRICAN PEOPLES COULD SEE ABSURDITY. REFERENDA, PLEBISCITES WOULD BE RIDICULOUS HERE. BESIDES, AS PRIMIN SAID, 12 YEARS OF LOYAL SUPPORT BY POPULATIONS ARE PLEBISCITE ENOUGH.

D. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MUST RATIFY CAETANO'S POLICIES. "WE CANNOT ALLOW DISCUSSION AND DEBATE...TO BETRAY THE CONSTRUCTION OF PORTUGAL'S FUTURE."

2. LARGER-CIRCULATION "PROVINEIA" HAS NOT COMMENTED EDITORIALY YET, BUT GIVES PROMINENT SPACE TO GROWING NUMBER OF MESSAGES OF SUPPORT REACHING PRIMIN FROM ALL CORNERS OF PORTUGUESE WORLD.

3. ALTHOUGH "PROVINCIA'S" LARGE DAILY AD FOR GENERAL SPINOLA'S BOOK ABSENT FROM MARCH 7 EDITION, BOOKSTORE SAYS LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE FINALLY APPROVED IMPORT OF BOOK WITH FIRST BATCH EXPECTED TO ON SALE MARCH 9.  
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